

## REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is filed concurrently with a Response to Notice to File Missing Parts which required additional claims fees or cancellation of additional claims to prevent abandonment of the application. Original claims 2, 5-98, 104-107, 110, 112-150, 153-154, 156-242, and 249-283 are cancelled without prejudice to further prosecution. With this amendment, claims 1, 3, 4, 99-103, 108, 109, 111, 151, 152, 155, and 243-248 are pending. Claims 1, 99, 108, 151 and 243 are independent.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this and concurrent replies to charge payment (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit Account No. 50-2298 for any additional fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17.

The undersigned is an attorney for the licensee of the above-referenced patent application and is informed and believes submitting this filing is with authorization of the Applicant Assignee.

Respectfully submitted,

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